

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Hartle, K.  
Application No. : 10/551,711  
Filing Date : October 3, 2005  
Title : FLUID DISTURBANCE DAMPING IN FLUID  
DRIVEN ACTUATION DEVICES  
Examiner : Williams, M.  
Art Unit : 3611  
Confirmation No. : 6193

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

M.S. Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2009 issued in connection with the above-referenced patent application ("subject application"), Applicant submits the following:

- 1) **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper; and
- 2) **Remarks** that begin on page 8 of this paper.

The three-month shortened statutory response period expired on February 13, 2009. A Request for One-Month Extension and proper payment of fee is filed concurrently with this Amendment. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.